

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of N.A. 'Turk' Baz of Jamestown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Baz; and

WHEREAS, Turk Baz was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as both a community leader and volunteer, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baz served the community of Fentress County in numerous ways, most notably as the Mayor of Allardt, Tennessee, a position he held from 1982-1990; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his civil service, Mr. Baz served as Chairman for the Fentress County Senior Citizens Center, as a member of the Alvin C. York Museum Committee, and as a communications officer for the Fentress County Emergency Services Organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baz is perhaps most well know as the owner and one of the voices of WDEB Radio Station; which he purchased after moving to Tennessee in 1971; and

WHEREAS, he used his position at the station to better the community; concerned for the safety of his fellow citizens, Turk helped WDEB become the official weather reporting station of the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baz and WDEB have been recognized both locally and nationally for their efforts in community service; and

WHEREAS, for over forty years, Mr. Baz ministered to hundreds of people each day on The Old Fashion Gospel Hour on WDEB; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Alive in the Spirit Church, his place of worship for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baz was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for many years he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jean, before she departed this life and he was the proud parent of Kevin and Keith, who will both cherish the memory of their father; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baz will also be sorely missed by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, for forty years, Mr. Baz made countless contributions to the Fentress County Community and this great State; he was the epitome of what it means to be a true volunteer; his efforts will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Turk Baz leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of N.A. 'Turk' Baz, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Baz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.